

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

"Let any one who has the care of a horse these cold, frosty mornings, deliberately grasp in his hand a piece of iron; indeed, let him touch it to the tip of his tongue, and then let him thrust the bit into the mouth of his horse, if he has the heart to do it. The horse is an animal of nervous organization. His mouth is furnished of delicate glands and tissues. The temperature of the blood is the same as in the human being, and, as in man, the mouth is the warmest part of the body. Imagine, we repeat, the irritation that would be caused the human, and consider that, if not to the same degree, still the suffering of the animal is very great. And it is not a momentary pain. Food is eaten with difficulty, and the irritation, repeated day after day, causes loss of appetite and loss of strength. Many a horse has become worthless from no other cause than this.

The weather at Ashtabula is becoming extremely cold.

Among the franchisees asked by the Royal Laid Company of Virginia in the bill just referred in the House of Delegates are the following: To build, &c., a railroad from the town of Warrenton, in Buchanan county, to the town of Harrisonburg, through Rockingham &c., to some point on the Potomac river at or between Mathias' Point and Quantico; to purchase, &c., the Potomac, Fredricksburg and Pictonville railroad; to purchase, &c., the rights, franchises, &c., of the Shenandoah Valley & Ohio Railroad Company, with liberty to deviate from the prospected route, and to construct the road from a point on the Shenandoah river to the town of Harrisonburg.

Real Estate Sales.

General Hampton's open letter to Messrs. Hayes and Tilden is looked upon by democrats here as another mistake, swamping too much of the "good Lord, good divil" policy. The General and the people of South Carolina seem to forget that the surest way to obtain relief from their oppression is to have a change in the government at Washington first—then they will be enabled to manage their home affairs, free from the interference of Federal troops and designing adventurers, backed up and sustained by Federal Executive power.

confidently hoped that she might be saved. With this view the Coast Wrecking Company was engaged to save the ship and cargo. They accordingly went to work but up to yesterday noon on account of continued bad weather were unable to make only slight progress. About four hundred tons of her cargo only which was an assured one were taken out, but it was expected that another day's work would liberate her sufficiently for tugs to pull her off at high tide.

The storm of yesterday caught thirty-three men, employees of the Coast Wrecking Company, on board, and there were no means provided for their rescue. Finally, at a short time after midnight, the ship went to pieces with a awful crash, according to the account of the four survivors who were washed ashore this morning more dead than alive on fragments of the wreck. No one of the remaining twenty-nine men on board has been seen or heard from up to the present time. There is but little doubt that all have perished.

RUTLAND, VT., Dec. 30.—The accident of the Montreal express train, near Puttston, Vt., last night, caused by the train breaking through a bridge, was a very lucky one. There were about forty passengers on the train, and none were seriously injured, while the three cars and engine comprising the train are completely wrecked. The engineer and fireman went down with the engine, but escaped unhurt.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Dec'r. 30.—Receipts of Grain continue light, and transactions in consequence are limited. Wheat is active and firm, and we note sales of a choice lot of white at 50 and of other lots 4 1/2 and 4 1/4. Corn quiet, and 52 1/2 as the highest price paid today. Nothing doing in Rice or Oats.

New York, Dec. 3.—To continue our review of the market, we find Government activity has been steady. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn dull and unchanged. Baltimore, Dec. 3.—Wheat firm, December 1.15; January 1.14. Corn, December 1.00; January 99. Cotton steady and firm; middling 12 1/2. Flour firm, quiet and unchanged. Whisket firm, quiet and unchanged. Corn—southern firm and quiet. Western steady and firm. Wheat—southern quiet and unchanged. Western steady and firm. Spot 55; January 55; new spot and Jan. 54 1/2. Feb. 54 1/2. Oats dull; Southern firm 37 1/2. Western white 35 1/2; do mixed 33 1/2. Beans nominal. Clover Seed steady; demand fair. Hay steady. Hops steady. Peas nominal. Potatoes and Peas steady. Pork nominal. Pork and Peas's yards prime 17-315. Pork 17. Sugar quiet and steady at 14 1/2. Whisky quiet and small sales at \$15.

Loans, increase.....	\$6 416.00
Specie, increase.....	5,820.00
Legal tenders, decrease.....	571.81
Deposits, increase.....	6,260.40
Circulation, increase.....	120.93
Reserve increase.....	3 245.50

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